

(Washington, D.C.) - On Friday, Congress passed a bill introduced by Congressman Tim Ryan to name the Federal Building and Courthouse in Akron after former Akron-area Congressman John Seiberling. The bill now heads to the President where he is expected to sign it this week.

"Over the last 5 years, I have come to know John Seiberling as a friend, mentor and role model for what it truly means to be a dedicated and distinguished public official," said Congressman Ryan. **"Mr. Seiberling is among our most respected leaders and this is a distinction that is well-deserved."**

After leaving Congress, Congressman Seiberling remained one of our nation's leading advocates for conservation and environmental protection.

Ryan added, **"Since introducing this bill, I have learned from many of my colleagues who had the good fortune to serve with Mr. Seiberling that he epitomized civility in his words and actions-with colleagues, staff, and others. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to work with my colleagues to pass this bill."**

According to the legislation, the Federal building located at 2 South Main Street in Akron shall be known and designated as the **"John F. Seiberling Federal Building"**. The bill now awaits action in the Senate.

Following the President's signing of Ryan's bill-which makes the name designation federal law-a formal dedication ceremony will be held.